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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, A	WO 00/76288 A2 (SUNSHINE HEART COMPANY PTY LTD) 21 December 2000 See claims 8, 9; page 12 lines 18 to 30; figure 10	
A	US 4809576 A (FREEMAN) 7 March 1989	
A	US 4583523 A (KLEINKE et al) 22 April 1986	

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